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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **HIV-1 GP120 V1/V2 DOMAIN EPITOPE CAPABLE OF GENERATING NEUTRALIZING ANTIBODIES**, the specification of which:

is attached hereto.
 was filed on March 8, 2000 as Application Serial No. 09/508,208 and was amended on _____
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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